## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (previously presented) A container with a bottom shell and a cover shell, and with means for interlocking the cover shell with the bottom shell, comprising:

a circular opening rim of bottom shell having at least two first sections provided with a radial extension, each having at least one undercut;

an opening rim of cover shell having at least two second sections corresponding to the radial extension of the first sections, each of the second sections having at least one undercut, which corresponds to the undercut of the appertaining first section so that, during a rotation of the bottom shell relative to the cover shell, interlocking in the area of the undercuts of the first and associated second sections takes place.

- 2. (previously presented) A container according to Claim 1, wherein the first section and the corresponding second section have, in a cross section, the shape of the letter Z.
- 3. (previously presented) A container according to Claim 1, wherein the first section and the corresponding second section have, in a cross section, a profile that comprises three radial extension areas between which at least one undercut and a vertical area is arranged.
- 4. (currently amended) A container according to Claim 1, wherein the first section and the second section have an undercut that is designed thread-like.

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- 5. (previously presented) A container according to Claim 1, wherein the first section and the second section-each have at least one thread cord.
- 6. (withdrawn) A container according to Claim 1 wherein the first section and the second section have ramps that correspond to each other.
- 7. (withdrawn) A container according to Claim 6, wherein the ramps are designed thread-like.
- 8. (currently amended) A container according to Claim 1, wherein the first sections and the second sections have a continually increasing radial extension.
- 9. (currently amended) A container according to Claim 1, wherein the first section and the second section each have, in the area of their greatest radial distance from the center of the opening rim concerned, a marking.
- 10. (currently amended) A container according to Claim 1, wherein the cover shell and/or the bottom shell have at least one recess.
- 11. (currently amended) A container according Claim 1, wherein the lower area of bottom shell and/or cover shell is designed polygonally.

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12. (currently amended) A container according to Claim 1, wherein bottom shell or cover shell is equipped with a gasket in the lock area.

- 13. (currently amended) A container according to Claim 1, wherein, in the locked state, bottom shell and cover shell are situated on top of each other in at least one rim area.
- 14. (currently amended) A container according to Claim 1, wherein rim area of cover shell is adjacent to the inside of the wall of bottom shell.
- 15. (currently amended) A container according to Claim 1, wherein cover shell has a rim indent which extends into the interior of bottom shell.